



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of Marine Safety

Interview Summary

Meeting with: Chuck French, former *Conception* passenger

Date/time: September 8, 2019 09:00 PDT

Location: by telephone

Interviewed by: Marcel L. Muise, NSTB

In attendance: None

Case: DCA19MM007

- He was on the previous voyage.
- They checked in at the office before boarding.
- A crewmember onboard showed them around and showed them around.
- Their bunk assignments were posted.
- There was an in the counter refrigerator in the island of the galley.
- He noticed grease splatter on the port side, outside, below and aft of the galley vent.
- There were no smokers onboard.
- There were no obvious fire ignition sources.
- He peeked in the engine room and it looked immaculate.
- The Captain did the safety briefing the first underway day.
- The crew seemed professional.
- Allie the deckhand was being trained.
- There were no divers on this trip.
- The passengers were mostly artists, kayakers, and their partners.
- He looked at the escape hatch but did not climb through.